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9	FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
10		Case No. 2:24-cv-02219-DSF-MAR
11	WILLIAM TONG, et al,	DISCOVERY MATTER
12	Plaintiffs,	SUPPLEMENTAL
13	V.	DECLARATION OF DYLAN SCHAFFER IN SUPPORT OF
14 15	STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois corporation, and DOES 1 through 10,	PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND FOR
16	Defendants.	FURTHER RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
17		Motion Date: December 18, 2024
18		Time: 11:00 a.m. Location: 255 E. Temple St., Los
19		Angeles, CA, 90012, Courtroom 790, 7th Floor
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I, Dylan Schaffer, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

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- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in California and before this Court. If called to testify I would do so under penalty of perjury as follows:
- 2. My firm and I are counsel for Plaintiffs in this matter.
- 3. My firm was counsel in the matter of Wise/Russell v. State Farm General *Insurance Company*, 4:23-cv-00163-HSG, Northern District of California.
- 4. In the *Wise* matter, as previously set forth (Schaffer Declaration ISO Motion to Compel, ¶¶30-50), Plaintiffs sought by way of written discovery, but State Farm failed to produce, many of the categories of documents at issue in this proceeding.
- 5. In the *Wise* matter, as here, while failing to produce even a small fraction of the documents responsive to requests, as is its practice, State Farm produced a series of generic, non-responsive Operations Guides and other documents. The documents were produced pursuant to a protective order.
- 6. Following resolution of the case, consistent with the protective order, my firm certified that we had destroyed the materials that had been produced pursuant to the protective order.
- 7. Due to a staffing change in my office, we overlooked a total of 31 pages. When State Farm insisted that we certify those 31 pages, we did so.
- 8. State Farm neither sought nor obtained any order from any court related to its allegations that we violated the protective order. No court has ever found

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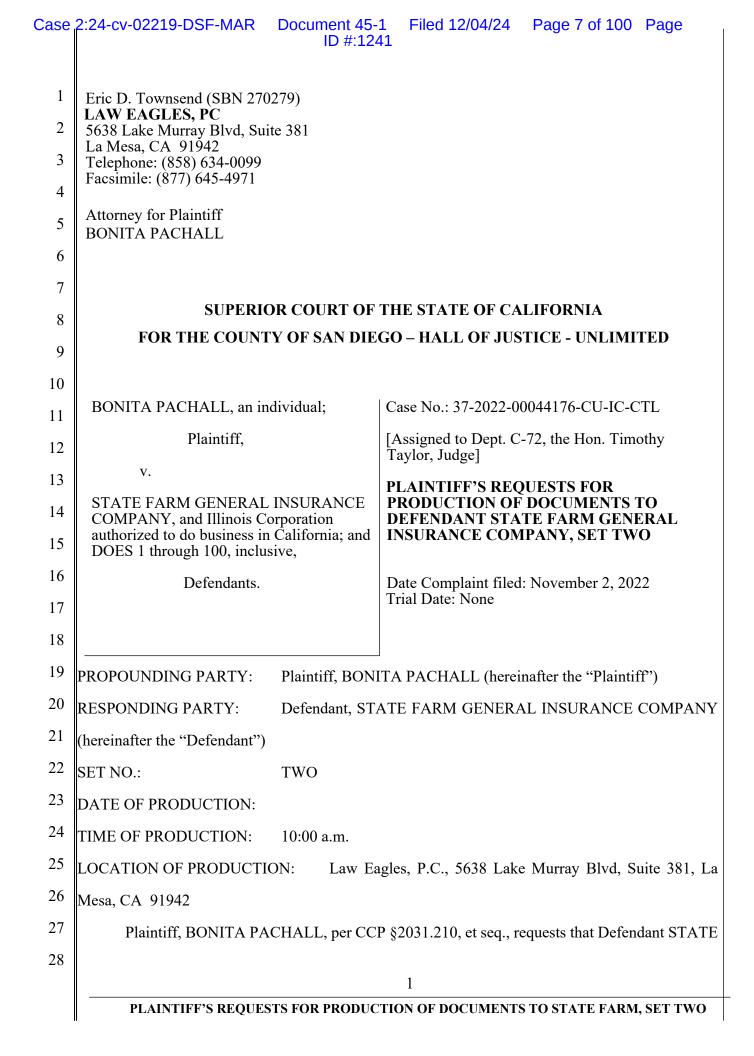
- 9. Since the filing of this motion, I became aware of another State Farm case which bears on the Court's decision here.
- 10.In the case of Pachall v. State Farm General Insurance Company, San Diego Superior Court No. 37-2022-00044176, plaintiffs sued State Farm after the insurer denied their water loss on the identical grounds at issue here: based on (a) below the surface of the ground and (b) continuous and repeated seepage and leakage.
- 11. In *Pachall*, as here, Plaintiffs sought training and guidelines materials, as well as personnel records relating to the handling of water losses. Attached to this Supplemental Declaration as **Exhibit DD** is a true and correct copy of the relevant requests by plaintiffs in the *Pachall* case.
- 12. In *Pachall*, as here, State Farm refused to produce the personnel file materials, agreed to produce generic Operations Guides, Standard Claim Processes, and Jurisdictional Resources, but failed to search for and produce all responsive training and guidelines materials relating to investigation of coverage as relates to water losses. Attached to this Supplemental Declaration as **Exhibit EE** is a true and correct copy of the relevant responses by State Farm.
- 13. The Court is urged to review, for example, State Farm's response to

- Request 2, which is in most respects is identical to State Farm's standard response to document requests in this case relating to policy manuals, guidelines and training. Exhibit EE, pp.8:24-10:12.
- 14. The *Pachall* plaintiffs moved to compel production of the same categories of documents at issue here personnel records, and guidelines/training relating to the investigation and coverage of water losses at State Farm, including documents relating to the State Farm "Water Initiative."
- 15. On October 11, 2024, the *Pachall* court granted Plaintiffs' motion in part, and ordered State Farm to search for and produce the requested documents, and awarded \$4,520 in sanctions. Attached to this Supplemental Declaration as **Exhibit FF** is a true and correct copy of the court's order granting the *Pachall* plaintiffs' motion.
- 16. The Court is directed to the following requests as to which the *Pachall* court granted the motion to request, as they are essentially identical to many of the documents at issue here. *See* Exhibit DD, Requests 2, 3, 4-9, 13-25, 28-32, 34-44, 46-57, 60, Exhibit FF, pp.2-3, which grants the motion to compel as to each of the foregoing requests.
- 17. In the conferral efforts between counsel relating to case non-specific requests (*e.g.*, policies, practices, manuals, training, guidelines, and documents relating to the "Water Initiative"), I routinely offered to limit all such requests to documents bearing on California markets, policies, insureds

and claims, and agreed to limit requests to the period January 1, 2020 to present. Executed this 4th day of December, 2024, at Oakland, California. /S/Dylan Schaffer Dylan Schaffer Counsel for Plaintiffs 

# EXHIBIT DD

EXHIBIT DD



- 1 FARM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, serve verified responses to Plaintiff's Request For
- 2 Production of Documents and Things, Set One thirty days from the date of service of these requests
- 3 upon it, and to produce the documents requested.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- 5 | 1. As used herein "YOU" or "YOUR" shall mean STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE
- 6 COMPANY, a California Corporation, including but not limited to its employees, agents and or
- 7 others working on its behalf, excluding attorneys.
- 8 2. As used herein, "CLAIM" shall mean the claim for damages submitted by Plaintiffs to
- 9 Defendant with the assigned number 55-28J5-14X.
- 10 | 3. As used herein, "PROPERTY" shall mean the property located at 7915 Gribble Street, San
- 11 Diego, California 92114.

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- 12 4. As used herein, the term "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" means any written, recorded
- 13 or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, or "writing" of any kind, including, but not
- 14 limited to, correspondence, memoranda, reports, studies, analyses, contracts, agreements, invoices,
- 15 charts, graphs, indices, data sheets, data processing cards or tapes, notes, work papers, entries, letters,
- 16 telegrams, forms, advertisements, brochures, circulars, tapes, records, bulletins, papers, books, maps,
- 17 drawings, accounts, photographs, transcriptions, recordings, magnetic tapes, disks, imprinted cards,
- 18 minutes and records of meetings, reports, financial statements, (including, but not limited to, income
- 19 statements, balance sheets, and statements of changes in financial position) financial calculations,
- 20 estimates, transactional documents, promissory notes, deeds of trust, closing statements, escrow
- 21 documents, title documents, security agreements, bonds, letters of credit, reports of telephone or oral
- 22 | conversations, appointment books, calendars or diaries, and includes, but is not limited to, the term
- 23 "writing" as that term is defined in California Evidence Code section 250, including any and all
- 24 "handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording
- 25 upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words,
- 26 pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof." Evid. Code § 250. "DOCUMENT" or
- 27 "DOCUMENTS" includes all drafts and all finalized and/or executed writings, and includes all
- 28 electronic recordings of any information whether that information is electronic mail or other form of

- 1 electronic means of preserving information and/or is stored on a "hard" disk, 5 ¼" or 3 ½" disk, laser
- 2 disk, magnetic or other tape, personal computer or mainframe computer. If YOU do not have custody
- 3 or control of the original, the term "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" shall also include any carbon
- 4 or photograph or any other copies, telephone messages, reproductions or facsimiles thereof. If YOU
- 5 have custody or control of the original and copies, reproduction or facsimiles, the term
- 6 "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" shall mean the original of any copy or reproduction or facsimile
- 7 that is in any way different from the original.
- 8 5. As used herein, "COMPLAINT" refers to the operating pleading filed by PLAINTIFF in
- 9 this case, inclusive of any amended complaints, or amendments thereto.
- 10 6. As used herein, "INCIDENT" or "LOSS" refers to the events leading to and including the
- 11 water damage to Plaintiffs' real property on or about December 10, 2021, which is the subject matter
- 12 of the Complaint.
- 13 7. As used herein, "PLAINTIFF" refers to BONITA PACHALL.
- 14 8. As used herein, the term "PERSON" or "PERSONS" includes ANY natural person, firm,
- 15 association, organization, partnership, business, trust, corporation, limited liability company, joint
- 16 venture or public entity.
- 17 | 9. As used herein, the terms "RELATE TO," "RELATED TO," and/or "RELATING TO"
- 18 mean discuss, support, refute, reflect, mention, embody, pertain to, involve, comprise, respond to,
- 19 concern, contain, summarize, memorialize, evidence, refer to, or connect in any way legally, factually
- 20 or logically with, the matter therein.
- 21 \ 10. As used herein, "COMMUNICATION" or "COMMUNICATIONS" includes any contacts
- 22 between or among two or more PERSONS, and includes without limitation, written contact by such
- 23 means as letters, memoranda, telegrams, telexes, electronic mail or any other DOCUMENTS, and
- 24 oral contact by such means as face-to-face meetings and telephone conversations.
- 25 | 11. As used herein, the term "ANY" as well as "ALL" shall be construed to include "each" and
- 26 "every" within their meanings.
- 27 | 12. In these Requests, the terms "and" and "or" have both conjunctive and disjunctive meanings
- 28 so as to be inclusive of any documents which otherwise may be excluded from production.

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1	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 4
2	All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers,
3	supervisors, managers, agents, vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the application of any
4	exclusion in the POLICY relating to water losses.
5	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 5
6	All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers,
7	supervisors, managers, agents, vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the application of any
8	exclusion in the POLICY relating to latent defect, wear, tear, deterioration, inherent vice, latent
9	defect, or mechanical breakdown.
10	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 6
11	All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers,
12	supervisors, managers, agents vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the meaning or application
13	of the following as applied to water losses of the following words in the POLICY: continuous,
14	repeating, gradual, intermittent, slow, or trickling.
15	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 7
16	All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers,
17	supervisors, managers, agents vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the meaning or application
18	as applied to water losses of the following phrase in the POLICY: "occurs or develops over a period
19	of time."
20	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 8
21	All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers,
22	supervisors, managers, agents vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the meaning or application
23	of the SEEPAGE EXCLUSION at any time.
24	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 9
25	YOUR training and/or written guidelines provided to Carolyn Johnson Gray, Gloria Jarvis, Jeannie
26	Erickson Sylvia and Gerald Newlin, at any time regarding application of the SEEPAGE

27 EXCLUSION.

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1	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 10
2	YOUR guidelines and/or training provided at any time to Carolyn Johnson Gray, Gloria Jarvis,
3	Jeannie Erickson Sylvia and Gerald Newlin, on the issue of elimination of bias in the
4	ADJUSTMENT and/or INVESTIGATION of property claims.
5	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 12
6	Any and all actions taken by YOU to for the purpose of elimination and/or reducing bias in YOUR
7	INVESTIGATION and/or ADJUSTMENT of property claims following lawsuits which allege,
8	and/or media reports, of YOUR bias in the underwriting of property insurance policies, sales of
9	property insurance policy, and/or the INVESTIGATION and ADJUSTMENT of property claims,
10	from January 2018 to the present.
11	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 13</b>
12	Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Carolyn Johnson Gray reflecting training
13	and knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.
14	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 14</b>
15	Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Carolyn Johnson Gray reflecting monthly or other
16	periodic performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017,
17	through the date of production.
18	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 15</b>
19	Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Gloria Jarvis reflecting training and
20	knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.
21	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 16</b>
22	Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Gloria Jarvis reflecting monthly or other periodic
23	performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017, through
24	the date of production.
25	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 17</b>

26 Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Jeannie Erickson reflecting training and

27 knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

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1	REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 18
2	Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Jeannie Erickson reflecting monthly or other
3	periodic performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017,
4	through the date of production.
5	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 19</b>
6	Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Gerald Newlin reflecting training and
7	knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.
8	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 20</b>
9	Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Gerald Newlin reflecting monthly or other periodic
10	performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January
11	1, 2017, through the date of production.
12	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 21</b>
13	ALL performance reviews for YOUR employee Carolyn Johnson Gray for the time period January
14	1, 2017 through the date of production.
15	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 22</b>
16	DOCUMENTS relating to the training module "Water Loss Skill Review", including but not
17	limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional
18	materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and
19	answers, and coverage scenarios.
20	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 23</b>
21	DOCUMENTS relating to the training module "In Role 2023 Water Skill review (Inactive)",
22	including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools,
23	instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files,
24	questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.
25	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 24</b>
26	DOCUMENTS relating to the training module "Water Mitigation Video Series", including but not
27	limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional
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- materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and 1 2 answers, and coverage scenarios. 3 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 25** 4 DOCUMENTS relating to the training modules "Water Damage Mitigation Module 1" through 5 "Water Damage Mitigation Module 7", inclusive, including but not limited to curriculum guides, 6 manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, 7 curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios. 8 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 26** 9 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Damage Coverage Analysis (HW-2100 10 Series) Workday", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, 11 assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, 12 audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios. 13 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 27** 14 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Damage Coverage Analysis (HW-2100 15 16 Series) course in Workday", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, 17 workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, 18 video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios. **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 28** 19 20 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage Introduction and QFC VOD", 21 including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, 22 instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, 23 questions and answers, and coverage scenarios. 24 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 29** 25 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage Investigation VOD", including but
  - DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage Investigation VOD", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 30**

- 2 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Introduction to Water Losses VOD", including but
- 3 not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional
- 4 materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and
- 5 answers, and coverage scenarios.

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 31**

- 7 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage Plumbing", including but not
- 8 limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional
- 9 materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and
- answers, and coverage scenarios.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 32**

- 12 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Loss Scenarios course in Workday", including
- but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional
- materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and
- answers, and coverage scenarios.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 33**

- 17 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "TIPP", including but not limited to curriculum
- 18 guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references,
- 19 curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

# 20 REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 34

- 21 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Fill-Up Water Loss VOD", including but not limited
- 22 to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials,
- 23 notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and
- 24 coverage scenarios.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 35**

- 26 DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Classes and Categories Job Aid", including
- but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional

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1	materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and
2	answers, and coverage scenarios.
3	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 36</b>
4	DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Forum Coverage Mini Session", including but
5	not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional
6	materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and
7	answers, and coverage scenarios.
8	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 37</b>
9	DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Forum PowerPoint", including but not limited
10	to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials,
11	notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and
12	coverage scenarios.
13	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 38</b>
14	DOCUMENTS relating to the State Farm water initiative meeting that took place on or around
15	January through March of 2020.
16	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 39</b>
17	All DOCUMENTS relating to the "California Fire Claims Discussion" referenced at
18	PACHB00001063PROD.
19	<b>REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION 40</b>
20	All DOCUMENTS relating to the "Water Forum Review" referenced at PACHB00001063PROD,
21	including but not limited to all meeting minutes, calendars, review of materials, approval of water
22	forum presentation materials, curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools,
23	instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files,
24	questions and answers, coverage scenarios, presentations including draft presentations, presenter
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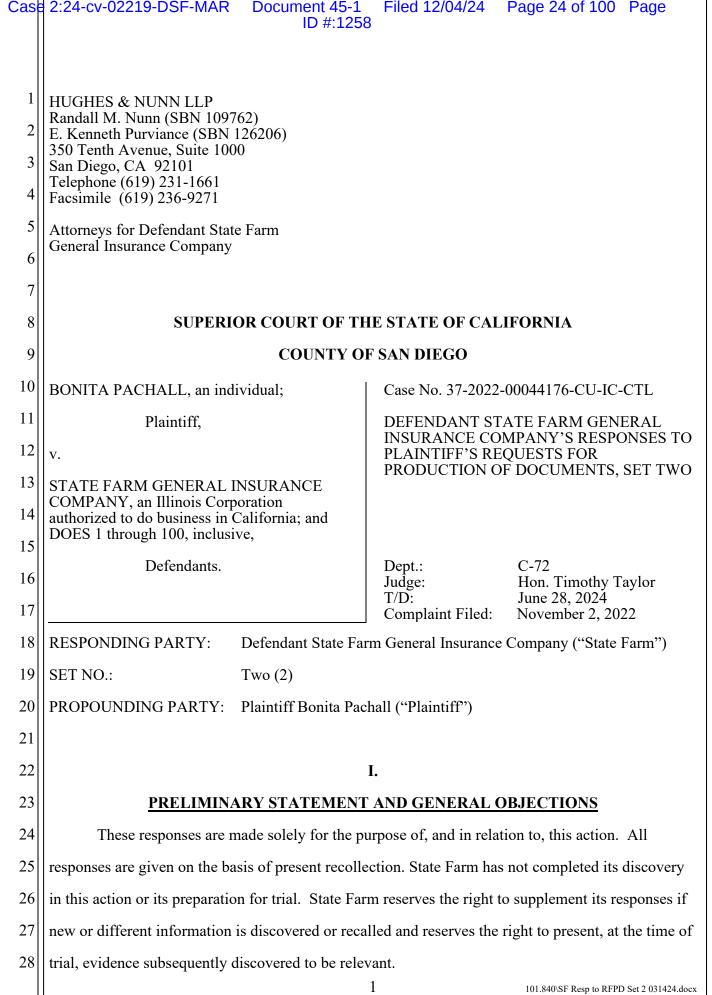
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1 2 3	PROOF OF SERVICE  Bonita Pachall v. State Farm General Insurance Company Case No.: 37-2022-00044176-CU-IC-CTL  I am employed in the County of San Diego, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 5638 Lake Murray Blvd, Suite 381		
4	La Mesa, CA 91942.		
5	On February 5, 2024, I served the following documents described as:		
6 7	PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO DEFENDANT STATE FARM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, SET TWO		
8	on the interested parties in this action by sending ( ) the original (x) a true copy thereof as follows:		
9	SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST		
10	[] (BY MAIL IN A SEALED AND ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO THE SERVICE LIST)		
12	I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondences for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day		
13	with postage thereon fully prepaid at La Mesa, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or		
14	postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.		
15	[XX] (BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE) I transmitted the above-described document(s) to the listed interested parties in the Service List via electronic mail.  I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.		
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State Farm generally objects to any request that calls for the disclosure of information which is protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work-product doctrine, Insurance Code Section 791 and/or a right to privacy.

State Farm objects to the instructions provided in these requests to the extent they require State Farm to provide information or take action beyond that which is required under CCP Section 2033.210, et seq.

II.

### **OBJECTIONS TO DEFINITIONS**

# **DEFINITION 1:**

As used herein "YOU" or "YOUR" shall mean STATE FARM GENERAL 1. INSURANCE COMPANY, a California Corporation, including but not limited to its employees, agents and or others working on its behalf, excluding attorneys.

# **RESPONSE TO DEFINITION 1:**

State Farm General Insurance Company is a stock insurance corporation incorporated under the insurance laws of the State of Illinois. It is wholly owned by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

# **DEFINITION 4:**

As used herein, the term "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" means any written, 4. recorded or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, or "writing" of any kind, including, but not limited to, correspondence, memoranda, reports, studies, analyses, contracts, agreements, invoices, charts, graphs, indices, data sheets, data processing cards or tapes, notes, work papers, entries, letters, telegrams, forms, advertisements, brochures, circulars, tapes, records, bulletins, papers, books, maps, drawings, accounts, photographs, transcriptions, recordings, magnetic tapes, disks, imprinted cards, minutes and records of meetings, reports, financial statements, (including, but not limited to, income statements, balance sheets, and statements of changes in financial position) financial calculations, estimates, transactional documents, promissory notes, deeds of trust, closing statements, escrow documents, title documents, security agreements, bonds, letters of credit, reports

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#### 15 **RESPONSE TO DEFINITION 4:**

State Farm objects to Plaintiff's definition of "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" to the extent it implies State Farm has an obligation to provide discovery from sources that are not reasonably accessible. Electronically stored information ("ESI") is frequently duplicated and disbursed in the ordinary course of business and discovery regarding all identical copies of ESI would be cumulative, duplicative, and impose unnecessary burdens without any benefit to the adjudication of this action. Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2017.020(a).

facsimiles, the term "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" shall mean the original of any copy or

reproduction or facsimile that is in any way different from the original.

State Farm also objects to the extent Plaintiff's definition seeks discovery regarding ESI that is ephemeral in nature, such as temporary computer files, log/history files, or file fragments, as preservation of, and discovery about, such things is not proportional to the needs of the case. State Farm objects to Plaintiff's definition as overly broad, unduly burdensome, and beyond the scope of permissible discovery to the extent Plaintiff purports to include system information not created by State Farm's users, such as caches, cookies, or logs, or otherwise seek to require State Farm to record and/or provide discovery regarding records and information that are not ordinarily captured

and/or are overwritten in the ordinary course of operating State Farm's computing systems. Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2017.020(a).

State Farm objects to the inclusion of "drafts" and "copies" in Plaintiff's definition of "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" on the grounds that drafts and copies are not universally relevant to the claims and defenses of a case and are likely to be cumulative or duplicative. To the extent that a draft or copy is not a business record stored in a central repository in State Farm's ordinary course of business, discovery regarding "drafts" and/or "copies" would not be proportional to the needs of this case. Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. §§ 2017.020(a); 2031.210.

State Farm objects to the inclusion of "correspondence" and "telephone messages" in Plaintiff's definition of "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" on the grounds that it would be disproportionate to the needs of the case to provide discovery regarding instant messages and/or text/SMS messages that are not captured by State Farm in their ordinary course of business. Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2017.020(a).

State Farm objects to the inclusion of "data sheets", "data processing cards", "tapes", "magnetic tapes", "disks", "imprinted cards", "all electronic recordings of any information whether that information is electronic mail or other form of electronic means of preserving information", "hard' disk", "5 ¼" or 3 ½" disk", "laser disk", "magnetic or other tape", and "personal computer or mainframe computer" in Plaintiff's definition of "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" to the extent such things refer, not to "DOCUMENTS," but rather to media on which "DOCUMENTS" and ESI are stored. State Farm further objects to the extent this definition seeks direct access to State Farm's electronic storage media. There is no routine right of direct access to a party's electronic information systems and there has been no showing in this case sufficient to overcome this presumption.

In addition, State Farm objects to Plaintiff's definition insofar as it purports to impose obligations that exceed those set forth in Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2031.010. State Farm is only obligated to produce discoverable "DOCUMENTS" within its possession, custody, or control.

Finally, State Farm objects to the definition of "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" to the extent it would require the disclosure of information protected from discovery by the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or other privileges recognized by law.

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Notwithstanding these objections, to the extent any responsive documents or ESI are produced, State Farm will produce reasonably accessible, relevant, non-privileged information in reasonably usable formats. Documents that contain reductions will be produced in static image format.

TO" mean discuss, support, refute, reflect, mention, embody, pertain to, involve, comprise, respond

As used herein, the terms "RELATE TO," "RELATED TO," and/or "RELATING

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#### **DEFINITION 9:**

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to, concern, contain, summarize, memorialize, evidence, refer to, or connect in any way legally, factually or logically with, the matter therein.

**RESPONSE TO DEFINITION 9:** 

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# State Farm objects to Plaintiff's definition of "RELATE TO," "RELATED TO," and/or "RELATING TO" to the extent it would require State Farm to construe such terminology beyond its ordinary meaning. State Farm further objects to the extent this definition purports to seek information that bears no relevance to the claims and defenses in this case or that is disproportionate to the needs of this litigation. Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2017.020(a).

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#### **DEFINITION 10:**

19 20 As used herein, "COMMUNICATION" or "COMMUNICATIONS" includes any contacts between or among two or more PERSONS, and includes without limitation, written contact by such means as letters, memoranda, telegrams, telexes, electronic mail or any other DOCUMENTS, and oral contact by such means as face-to-face meetings and telephone conversations.

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# **RESPONSE TO DEFINITION 10:**

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State Farm restates and incorporates its objection to Plaintiff's definition of "DOCUMENT" or "DOCUMENTS" and applies the same to Plaintiff's definition of "COMMUNICATION" or "COMMUNICATIONS."

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Additionally, State Farm objects to the inclusion of "oral" exchanges in Plaintiff's definition of "COMMUNICATION" or "COMMUNICATIONS" on the grounds that Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2031.010 does not require State Farm to produce "communications" that do not already exist on a

medium from which information can be obtained.

**DEFINITION 15:** 

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"TRAINING TRANSCRIPT" means the record of training, continuing education courses and/or assessments and/or knowledge checks maintained by YOU for each individual employed by YOU who is either responsible for the investigation and/or adjustment of first party property claims or responsible for supervising others that are responsible for the investigation and/or adjustment of first party property claims.

# **RESPONSE TO DEFINITION 15:**

State Farm objects to the term "TRAINING TRANSCRIPT" as vague, ambiguous, overbroad and disproportionate to the needs of the case. Further, the definition is not limited to the type of claim or issues involved in this matter.

**DEFINITION 16:** 

"MY BLOCK" means the record of monthly or other periodic written assessments and/or evaluations of work performed by each individual employed by YOU who is either responsible for the investigation and/or adjustment of first party property claims or responsible for supervising others that are responsible for the investigation and/or adjustment of first party property claims.

#### **RESPONSE TO DEFINITION 16:**

State Farm objects to the term "MY BLOCK" as vague, ambiguous, overbroad and disproportionate to the needs of the case. Further, the definition is not limited to the type of claim or issues involved in this matter. State Farm further objects to the definition to the extent it implies State Farm has an obligation to provide discovery from sources that are not reasonably accessible. Electronically stored information ("ESI") is frequently duplicated and disbursed in the ordinary course of business and discovery regarding all identical copies of ESI would be cumulative, duplicative, and impose unnecessary burdens without any benefit to the adjudication of this action. Cal. Code of Civ. Pro. § 2017.020(a). Finally, State Farm objects to the definition of "MY BLOCK" to the extent it would require the disclosure of information protected from discovery by

the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or other privileges recognized by law.

III.

#### REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION AND RESPONSES

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:**

All emails RELATING TO the CLAIM, PROPERTY, or PLAINTIFF, including but not limited to emails sent to or received from Carolyn Johnson Gray, Gloria Jarvis, Jeannie Erickson Sylvia, Gerald Newlin, Fire Claims Support Unit, William Trujillo, Bailey Bingham, and/or Ryan C. White.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad with respect to the broad categories of personnel and documents potentially encompassed by this request. Further, the request is overly broad in scope (not limited to documents pertinent to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited by a reasonable period). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine.

Information regarding the claim at issue in this litigation is created, stored, managed and accessed primarily in and through the Enterprise Claims System ("ECS"), a proprietary web-based system used by State Farm claims associates. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) as it does in the usual course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide 825-100. State Farm expressly objects to this request to the extent it seeks information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or attorney work product doctrine, and it is withholding portions of its Claim File that contain information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or is work product.

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 To the extent that this request seeks production of information other than the "Claim File" as described above, State Farm objects to this request as overbroad, vague, ambiguous, unduly burdensome, and as seeking information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Further, the documents sought may also violate the attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine. Subject to and without waiving this objection, any additional responsive, non-privileged material related to the subject claim that is not considered part of the "Claim File" will be produced.

Additionally, to the extent Plaintiff intended to seek underwriting information, State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited to a reasonable period of time). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. There is no dispute that the applicable policy was in effect on the date of loss. State Farm further objects to this request to the extent it assumes a physical underwriting file folder exists, and because this request is vague and ambiguous as to what is sought. State Farm does not maintain a physical file folder with respect to most insurance policies issued. Rather, underwriting information is stored electronically in multiple locations. Consequently, this request has the potential to be unduly burdensome.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:**

All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, your claims handlers, supervisors, managers, agents, vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the INVESTIGATION and ADJUSTING of water losses.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly

burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Further, this request seeks information protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB000000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm has produced the non-privileged documents described above and withheld other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "to provide guidance to, or to train", and "relating to the INVESTIGATION and ADJUSTING of water losses". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or

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adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:**

DOCUMENTS reflecting the California Fair Claims Settlement Practices Regulations YOU provided to YOUR employees or agents who INVESTIGATED and/or ADJUSTED the CLAIM.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in

effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers, supervisors, managers, agents, vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the application of any exclusion in the POLICY relating to water losses.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm

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objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF 00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "to provide guidance to, or to train", and "relating to the application of any exclusion in the POLICY relating to water losses". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially

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unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers, supervisors, managers, agents, vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the application of any exclusion in the POLICY relating to latent defect, wear, tear, deterioration, inherent vice, latent defect, or mechanical breakdown.

# **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of

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resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "to provide guidance to, or to train", and "relating to the application of any exclusion in the POLICY relating to latent defect, wear, tear, deterioration, inherent vice, latent defect, or mechanical breakdown". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the

attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers, supervisors, managers, agents vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the meaning or application of the following as applied to water losses of the following words in the POLICY: continuous, repeating, gradual, intermittent, slow, or trickling.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "to provide guidance to, or to train", and "relating to the meaning or application of the following as applied to water losses of the following words in the POLICY: continuous, repeating, gradual, intermittent, slow, or trickling". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:**

All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers, supervisors, managers, agents vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the meaning or application as applied to water losses of the following phrase in the POLICY: "occurs or develops over a period of time."

#### RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7:

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF 00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "to provide guidance to, or to train", and "the meaning or application as applied to water losses". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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All DOCUMENTS used by YOU to provide guidance to, or to train, YOUR claims handlers, supervisors, managers, agents vendors, and outside adjusters, relating to the meaning or application of the SEEPAGE EXCLUSION at any time.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of

claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "to provide guidance to, or to train", and "relating to the meaning or application of the SEEPAGE EXCLUSION at any time". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds

that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:**

YOUR training and/or written guidelines provided to Carolyn Johnson Gray, Gloria Jarvis, Jeannie Erickson Sylvia and Gerald Newlin, at any time regarding application of the SEEPAGE EXCLUSION.

# RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9:

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not

established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "training and/or written guidelines" and "regarding application of the SEEPAGE EXCLUSION". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on

which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10:**

YOUR guidelines and/or training provided at any time to Carolyn Johnson Gray, Gloria Jarvis, Jeannie Erickson Sylvia and Gerald Newlin, on the issue of elimination of bias in the ADJUSTMENT and/or INVESTIGATION of property claims.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or

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trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF 00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "guidelines and/or training" and "the issue of elimination of bias in the ADJUSTMENT and/or INVESTIGATION of property claims". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this

case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12:**

Any and all actions taken by YOU to for the purpose of elimination and/or reducing bias in YOUR INVESTIGATION and/or ADJUSTMENT of property claims following lawsuits which allege, and/or media reports, of YOUR bias in the underwriting of property insurance policies, sales of property insurance policy, and/or the INVESTIGATION and ADJUSTMENT of property claims, from January 2018 to the present.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). State Further disputes Plaintiff's characterization of "lawsuits . . .and/or media reports" regarding "bias in the underwriting of property insurance policies, sales of property insurance policy, and/or the INVESTIGATION and ADJUSTMENT of property claims". This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets or calls for information subject to the attorney-client privilege and/or that is work product. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further,

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subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially responsive documents based on the stated objections.

To the extent this request may seek information regarding training, State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "elimination and/or reducing bias in [State Farm's] INVESTIGATION and/or ADJUSTMENT of property claims". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13:**

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Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Carolyn Johnson Gray reflecting training and knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14:** 

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Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Carolyn Johnson Gray reflecting monthly or other periodic performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad in scope (not limited in terms of scope of employment or assignment; not limited to materials pertinent to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited to a reasonable period of time). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This type of inquiry goes beyond what is needed to address the claims and defenses at issue; it is not likely to assist in the resolution of this this case, and therefore any burden to State Farm would be disproportionate to the scope of the matter. State Farm further objects to this request because it unduly invades the privacy of its employees and is broad enough to potentially implicate information that is confidential, proprietary business information. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15:**

Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Gloria Jarvis reflecting training and knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT" and "reflecting training and knowledge check scores". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16:**

Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Gloria Jarvis reflecting monthly or other periodic performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad in scope (not limited in terms of scope of employment or assignment; not limited to materials pertinent to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited to a reasonable period of time). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This type of inquiry goes beyond what is needed to address the claims and defenses at issue; it is not likely to assist in the resolution of this this case, and therefore any burden to State Farm would be disproportionate to the scope of the matter. State Farm further objects to this request because it unduly invades the privacy of its employees and is broad enough to potentially implicate information that is confidential, proprietary business information. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17:**

Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Jeannie Erickson reflecting training and knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:**

Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Jeannie Erickson reflecting monthly or other periodic performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad in scope (not limited in terms of scope of employment or assignment; not limited to materials pertinent to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited to a reasonable period of time). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This type of inquiry goes beyond what is needed to address the claims and defenses at issue; it is not likely to assist in the resolution of this this case, and

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO 20:**

Each MY BLOCK report for YOUR employee Gerald Newlin reflecting monthly or other

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Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT for YOUR employee Gerald Newlin reflecting training and knowledge check scores from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:**

**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19:** 

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "Each TRAINING TRANSCRIPT" and "reflecting training and knowledge check scores". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

periodic performance reviews and assessments conducted by their supervisor from January 1, 2017, through the date of production.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad in scope (not limited in terms of scope of employment or assignment; not limited to materials pertinent to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited to a reasonable period of time). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This type of inquiry goes beyond what is needed to address the claims and defenses at issue; it is not likely to assist in the resolution of this this case, and therefore any burden to State Farm would be disproportionate to the scope of the matter. State Farm further objects to this request because it unduly invades the privacy of its employees and is broad enough to potentially implicate information that is confidential, proprietary business information. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

ALL performance reviews for YOUR employee Carolyn Johnson Gray for the time period January 1, 2017 through the date of production.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21:**

State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overbroad in scope (not limited in terms of scope of employment or assignment; not limited to materials pertinent to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation) and time (not limited to a reasonable period of time). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This type of inquiry goes beyond what is needed to address the claims and defenses at issue; it is not likely to assist in the resolution of this this case, and therefore any burden to State Farm would be disproportionate to the scope of the matter. State Farm further objects to this request because it unduly invades the privacy of its employees and is broad

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:**

DOCUMENTS relating to the training module "Water Loss Skill Review", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 22:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to the training module" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 23:** 

DOCUMENTS relating to the training module "In Role 2023 Water Skill review (Inactive)", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 23:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to the training module" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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DOCUMENTS relating to the training module "Water Mitigation Video Series", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 24:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to the training module" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 25:**

DOCUMENTS relating to the training modules "Water Damage Mitigation Module 1" through "Water Damage Mitigation Module 7", inclusive, including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 25:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to the training modules" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 26:**

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DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Damage Coverage Analysis (HW-2100 Series) Workday", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 26:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Damage Coverage Analysis (HW-2100 Series) course in Workday", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 27:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage Introduction and QFC VOD", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 28:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 29:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage Investigation VOD", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 29:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Introduction to Water Losses VOD", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 30:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 31:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Coverage – Plumbing", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 31:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 32:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Loss Scenarios course in Workday", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 32:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 33:**

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DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "TIPP", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 33:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 34:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Fill-Up Water Loss VOD", including but not

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## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 34:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

# **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 35:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Classes and Categories Job Aid", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 36:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Forum Coverage Mini Session", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files,

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## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 36:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad with respect to the use of the terms "relating to training materials" and "curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 37:**

DOCUMENTS relating to training materials "Water Forum PowerPoint", including but not limited to curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, and coverage scenarios.

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 38:**

DOCUMENTS relating to the State Farm water initiative meeting that took place on or around January through March of 2020.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 38:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the term "State Farm water initiative meeting" and "in or around January through March of 2020"), and overly

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broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 39:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to the "California Fire Claims Discussion" referenced at PACHB00001063PROD.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 39:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague, ambiguous, and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a

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## **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 40:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to the "Water Forum Review" referenced at PACHB00001063PROD, including but not limited to all meeting minutes, calendars, review of materials, approval of water forum presentation materials, curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, coverage scenarios, presentations including draft presentations, presenter notes, logs, diaries, and attendees list.

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 40:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "all meeting minutes, calendars, review of materials, approval of water forum presentation materials, curriculum guides, manuals, handouts, workbooks, assessment tools, instructional materials, notes, references, curriculum, screen images, video files, audio files, questions and answers, coverage scenarios, presentations including draft presentations, presenter notes, logs, diaries, and attendees list"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably

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tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 41:**

All DOCUMENTS utilized or reviewed in connection with preparing the "Water Forum Review", including but not limited to any consultant reports including any McKinsey & Company consultant reports.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 41:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous, specifically with respect to the use of the terms "All DOCUMENTS", "utilized or reviewed", "Water Forum Review", "any consultant reports", and "McKinsey & Company consultant reports". State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation), time (not limited to a

reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, the question is also a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

In addition, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it contains, suggests, and/or relies upon, the improper assumption that State Farm has received advice to reduce claims payments below what may actually be owed to its insureds. Without waiving its objections and subject to the same, State Farm states that no "McKinsey & Company consultant reports" exist relating to the "Water Forum Review".

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 42:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to Coverage Investigations, including Recognition of coverage issues, Investigation of Accidental Direct or seepage and leakage, Amount of Water, length of time water escaped, Who noticed the leak; last time in the area of the leak, Rate/Flow of water, origin and Cause, Category and Class of Water and/or Continuous Seepage/Leakage referenced at PACHB00001069PROD through PACHB00001070PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 42:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to Coverage Investigations" and "Recognition of coverage issues, Investigation of Accidental Direct or seepage and leakage, Amount of Water, length of time water escaped, Who noticed the leak; last time in the area of the leak, Rate/Flow of water, origin and Cause, Category and Class of Water and/or Continuous Seepage/Leakage"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 43:**

DOCUMENTS relating to a "Quality First Contact Guide-Fire" referenced at PACHB00001023PROD.

#### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 43:**

that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "DOCUMENTS relating to a 'Quality First Contact Guide-Fire'"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to

privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it

seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established

materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a 1 2 reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of 3 claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request 4 is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is 5 potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's 6 procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, 8 materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the 9 10 11 overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the

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work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential,

proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such

information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 44:**

The complete presentation of the discussion of water losses with "illustration for discussion" (State Farm produced documents beginning at page 11 at PACHB00001035PROD -PACHB00001038PROD).

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 44:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the term "complete presentation of the discussion of water losses"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim

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proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 45:**

DOCUMENTS relating to Job Aids, Processes and Workflows referenced at PACHB00001055PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 45:**

information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the term "DOCUMENTS relating to Job Aids, Processes and Workflows"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 46:**

DOCUMENTS referenced within "California Fire Claims Discussion Resources", including but not limited to Quality Claim Handling Standards, File Note Category Usage, Claim Details ECS Guidelines, Water Mitigation VOD, Water Mitigation Job Aid, Water Mitigation Job Aid Dashboard, Homeowners HW-2100 resources (see PACHB00001059PROD through PACHB00001062PROD)

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 46:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "DOCUMENTS referenced" and "Quality Claim Handling Standards, File Note Category Usage, Claim Details ECS Guidelines, Water Mitigation VOD, Water Mitigation Job Aid, Water Mitigation Job Aid Dashboard, Homeowners HW-2100 resources"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 47:**

DOCUMENTS relating to OG 70-140 Claim File Management Guidelines and Resources referenced at PACHB00001065PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 47:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the term "DOCUMENTS relating to OG 70-140"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such

#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 48:**

DOCUMENTS relating to ESC File Note Templates - 304 & 306 referenced at PACHB00001066PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 48:**

information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the term "DOCUMENTS relating to ESC File Note Templates"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 49:**

DOCUMENTS relating to Water scenarios referenced at PACHB00001066PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 49:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the term "DOCUMENTS relating to Water scenarios"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 50:**

DOCUMENTS relating to "Plumbing Photos" and "Plumbing and Sewer Job Aid" referenced at PACHB00001067PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 50:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "DOCUMENTS relating to 'Plumbing Photos' and 'Plumbing and Sewer Job Aid"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 51:**

DOCUMENTS relating to "Coverage Model" and "JA CovModel Prop" referenced at PACHB00001068PROD.

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**REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 52:** 

All DOCUMENTS relating to Fire Focus – Water and/or "Tear Out Scenarios" Microsoft Powerpoint Presentat [sic] referenced at PACHB00001070PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 52:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to Fire Focus – Water and/or 'Tear Out Scenarios' Microsoft Powerpoint Presentat [sic]"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 53:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to Coverage Investigation "Investigative Resources" referenced at PACHB00001071PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 53:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to Coverage Investigation 'Investigative Resources'"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 54:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to Resources "Water Plan\_5192019" referenced at PACHB00001078PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 54:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to Resources 'Water Plan\_5192019'"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 55:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to QFC Guide referenced at PACHB00001092PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 55:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to QFC Guide"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover,

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All DOCUMENTS relating to "Construction Reference Guide: Plumbing" and "Plumbing Photos" referenced at PACHB00001092PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 56:**

information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to 'Construction Reference Guide: Plumbing' and 'Plumbing Photos'"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 57:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to "Water Loss Training Support Guide" referenced at PACHB00001094PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 57:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to 'Water Loss Training Support Guide'"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such

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#### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 58:**

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All DOCUMENTS relating to Face Time Job Aid, ClaimXperience® Video Collaboration - Reference Guide, ClaimXperience® File Request - Reference Guide, and/or Claims Multi-Media Application Job Aid referenced at PACHB00001094PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 58:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to Face Time Job Aid, ClaimXperience® Video Collaboration - Reference Guide, ClaimXperience® File Request - Reference Guide, and/or Claims Multi-Media Application Job Aid"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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All DOCUMENTS relating to Face Time Job Aid, ClaimXperience® Video Collaboration - Reference Guide, ClaimXperience® File Request - Reference Guide, and/or Claims Multi-Media Application Job Aid referenced at PACHB00001094PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 59:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to Face Time Job Aid, ClaimXperience® Video Collaboration - Reference Guide, ClaimXperience® File Request - Reference Guide, and/or Claims Multi-Media Application Job Aid"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case. /////

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### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 60:**

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All DOCUMENTS relating to PLRB Constant or Repeated Seepage or Leakage - All States referenced at PACHB00001095PROD.

### **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 60:**

State Farm objects to this request as vague and ambiguous (including as to the terms "All DOCUMENTS relating to PLRB Constant or Repeated Seepage or Leakage - All States"), and overly broad in scope (not limited in time or geography), as the request is not reasonably tailored to include only those matters relevant to the adjustment of the insurance claim made the basis of this suit. State Farm further objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (not limited to materials applicable to the specific insurance claims and/or coverages at issue in this litigation; not limited to materials pertinent to the claims personnel who adjusted the subject claim), time (not limited to a reasonable period of time, including to the extent they seek information that post-dates the time of claim handling), and geographic area (not limited to materials applicable to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant to the claims or defense of any party nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Moreover, materials on which individuals were trained prior to the date of loss, and which were obsolete on the date of loss, which pertain only to other losses, and/or which pertain only to other areas of the country, are neither material nor relevant to the matters at issue in this case. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

### **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 61:**

All DOCUMENTS relating to any "totality of the circumstances" criteria used to evaluate ensuing water loss claims.

State Farm objects to this claim on the grounds that the terms "relating" and "any 'totality of the circumstances' criteria used" are vague and ambiguous. State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

Subject to and without waiving the aforementioned objections, State Farm has produced the relevant non-confidential and/or non-trade secret sections of the Operation Guide applicable and in effect during the relevant timeframe along with the Standard Claim Processes and Jurisdictional References applicable and in effect on the date of loss, and additional materials representative of resources available during the relevant timeframe for handling of the underlying claim. Further, subject to the protective order in this case, State Farm has produced the relevant confidential and/or trade secret sections of these materials. [See documents Bates numbered PACHB00000001-1006.]

For information reflecting the application of claims procedures to Plaintiff's claim, see the Claim File for the claim at issue in this litigation. "Claim File" has a distinct meaning to State Farm based upon the portion of its Operation Guide that provides instructions on what to retrieve from ECS to generate a Claim File for production outside the ECS environment. State Farm has produced its Claim File for the subject claim (Bates numbers CF\_00001-769) in reasonably usable format as it does in the ordinary course of business pursuant to its Operation Guide. State Farm is withholding information protected by the attorney client privilege and/or that is work product. State Farm is producing the non-privileged documents described above and withholding other potentially

responsive documents based on the stated objections.

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## All DOCUMENTS relating to any "totality of the evidence" criteria used to evaluate ensuing water loss claims.

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State Farm objects to this request on the grounds that it is overly broad in scope (types of claims and insurance coverage), time (not limited by the period of time when this claim was handled), and geographic area (not limited to California). This request is not reasonably tailored to include only matters relevant to the issues involved in this lawsuit and is potentially unduly burdensome; it seeks information that is neither relevant nor reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. State Farm's procedures are intended to provide guidance, but each claim is handled on its own merits. Further, due to the overly broad nature of this request, it is a potential invasion of the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Finally, State Farm objects to this request to the extent it seeks confidential, proprietary business information and/or trade secrets. Plaintiff has not established that such information is necessary to a fair adjudication of this case.

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Dated:

March 14, 2024

**HUGHES & NUNN LLP** 

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL

#### MINUTE ORDER

DATE: 10/11/2024

TIME: 9:30 AM

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JUDICIAL OFFICER: MARCELLA O. MCLAUGHLIN

**CLERK: Kristin Sorianosos** 

REPORTER/ERM: Not Reported

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: O. Godoy

CASE NO: 37-2022-00044176-CU-IC-CTL CASE INIT.DATE: 11/02/2022

CASE TITLE: Pachall vs State Farm General Insurance Company [IMAGED]

CASE CATEGORY: Civil CASE TYPE: (U)Insurance Coverage

**HEARING TYPE**: Discovery Hearing MOVING PARTY: Bonita Pachall

#### **APPEARANCES**

E KENNETH PURVIANCE, Attorney for Defendant State Farm General Insurance Company, present in person.

Jacob B Pyle, Attorney for Plaintiff Bonita Pachall, present via remote video appearance.

The Court hears argument of counsel.

The Court modifies the tentative ruling as follows:

### PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL FURTHER DISCOVERY RESPONSES

Plaintiff Bonita Pachall's Motion to Compel Defendant State Farm General Insurance Company's Further Responses to Requests for Production of Documents, Set Two, is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

Plaintiff's request for sanctions against Defendant is GRANTED in the amount of \$4,520.00.

Under Sections 2017.010 and 2031.010 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, a party may obtain written discovery of documents or tangible materials which contain information relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action.

Section 2031.210(a) of the Code of Civil Procedure provides:

The party to whom a demand for inspection, copying, testing, or sampling has been directed shall respond separately to each item or category of item by any of the following:

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- (1) A statement that the party will comply with the particular demand for inspection, copying, testing, or sampling by the date set for the inspection, copying, testing, or sampling pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 2031.030 and any related activities.
- (2) A representation that the party lacks the ability to comply with the demand for inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of a particular item or category of item.
- (3) An objection to the particular demand for inspection, copying, testing, or sampling.

If the responding party seeks to withhold documents based on a claim of attorney-client privilege or work-product protection, it must "provide sufficient factual information for other parties to evaluate the merits of that claim" in the form of a privilege log, if necessary. (Cal. Code Civ. Pro., § 2031.240(b)-(c).) Moreover, if only part of an item or category of a Request for Production is objectionable, the response shall contain a statement of compliance or representation of inability to comply with the remainder. (Id., § 2031.240(a).)

Here, the court finds that further responses are owed to many of Plaintiff's Request for Production of Documents, Set Two, but that Defendant's responses may be limited in scope and time to address Defendant's objections regarding the breadth of the requests. Moreover, some of Plaintiff's Requests are vague, ambiguous, and/or duplicate such that an order compelling responses to those requests is inappropriate. The specific categories of Requests are discussed below.

To the extent that Defendant objects based on privacy and/or trade secret concerns, these concerns can be adequately addressed by the Stipulated Protective Order entered in this case on on July 19, 2023, (ROA # 23,) and redactions of personally-identifying information for individual State Farm employees. To the extent that Defendant withholds certain responsive documents based on a claim of privilege or work-product protection, Defendant must produce a privilege log in accordance with Section 2031.240(b)-(c) of the Code of Civil Procedure.

### Request No. 1

Request No. 1 seeks all of Defendant's internal e-mails relating to Plaintiff, her insurance claim, and her property. While Defendant argues that it has produced responsive documents in the "Claim File," its response also includes the statement that "any additional responsive, non-privileged material related to the subject claim that is not considered part of the 'Claim File' will be produced." (ROA # 109, pg. 3.)

As such, Defendant must produce any additional responsive material and provide a further response identifying such responsive material, or, if applicable, stating that it is incapable of producing further responsive material in compliance with Section 2031.210(a)(2). Defendant's production may be limited to emails between the date of December 10, 2021, to November 2, 2022.

Therefore, Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED with respect to Request No. 1.

Requests Nos. 2-9, 22-25, 28-32, 34-44, 46-49, 50-57, 60

Requests Nos. 2-9, 22-25, 28-32, 34-44, 46-49, 50-57, and 60 request policy and training documents regarding the handling of water damage claims.

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Defendant objects based on breadth with respect to time and location. The address Defendant's objection, the court limits Defendant's obligation to respond to those policies and training materials in effect at the time that Plaintiff's insurance claim was under review, applicable to the region in which Plaintiff's property is located.

While Defendant contends that it has produced responsive documents in the form of its Operations Guide and Claim File, it only includes this statement as a response to Requests Nos. 2-9. In response to Plaintiff's other Requests, Defendant asserts only objections. Moreover, Requests Nos. 22-25, 28-32, 34-44, 46-48, 50-57, and 60 request specific training modules and documents referenced in Defendant's previous production(s).

At oral argument, Plaintiff clarified that the term "Water Scenarios" in Request No. 49 referred to a particular term referenced in a sealed exhibit, PACHB00001066PROD, which may include a hyperlink. Defendant argues that "Water Scenarios" is merely a general term used to describe various kinds of situations where an insured suffers a loss due to water. However, to the extent that the term "Water Scenarios" as referenced in PACHB00001066PROD links or refers to specific policy or training materials/modules, Defendant must produce these.

If Defendant contends that it has previously produced responsive documents, it must identify the documents in its verified responses in accordance with Section 2031.280. Otherwise, it must either identify and produce responsive documents or provide a statement of its inability to do so.

Therefore, Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED with respect to Requests Nos. 2-9, 22-25, 28-32, 34-44, 46-49, 50-57, and 60, subject to the limitation that Defendant need only produce policies and training materials in effect at the time that Plaintiff's insurance claim was under review, applicable to the region in which Plaintiff's property is located. This includes older written policy and/or training materials which Defendant had implemented in years prior to Plaintiff's insurance claim, but were still effective at the time of her claim.

### Requests Nos. 13-21

Requests Nos. 13-21 request the training transcripts and performance reviews of particular State Farm employees. Plaintiff argues that the requested documents are necessary to demonstrate how the specific employees who handled Plaintiff's claim were trained, and to demonstrate how they were incentivized or disincentivized to handle customer claims. Defendant objects based on privacy concerns, and breadth, and argues that the policy documents it has already provided Plaintiff are sufficient.

The manner in which these specific employees were trained and incentivized is relevant to Plaintiff's claims, and the production of general policies do not relieve Defendant of the duty to respond to Requests Nos. 13-21, as responsive documents may show the ways in which these policies may have deviated or were applied to specific employees in specific situations. While Defendant's privacy concerns are legitimate, these can be addressed by redacting the names and other personally-identifiable information in the records sought.

Therefore, Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED with respect to Requests Nos. 13-21.

Requests Nos. 27, 45, 49, 58, 61, 68

Requests No. 27 is duplicative of Requests Nos. 26.

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Defendant argues that Requests Nos. 45 and 58 seek information not relevant to this case and Plaintiff does not adequately explain why "Job Aids, Processes, and Workflows" or the policies and procedures of remote inspections are relevant to her claims if Defendant's employees inspected her property in person, as Defendant contends.

The court finds Requests Nos. 61 and 68 vague and ambiguous as they seek all documents related to "totality of circumstances" and "totality of evidence" which Defendant argues may refer to any number of things, including the general practice of looking at the entire situation. Plaintiff has not provided any narrower or more particularized definitions in her moving or reply papers.

Therefore, Plaintiff's motion is DENIED with respect to the Requests Nos. 27, 45, 58, 61, and 68.

#### **CONCLUSION**

As described above, Plaintiff's motion to compel further responses is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

Plaintiff's request for sanctions is GRANTED in the amount of \$4,520.00.

Defendant is to provide responses by 12/02/2024 and remit payment of sanctions by 11/12/2024.

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Judge Marcella O. McLaughlin

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